

LWV of East Alabama — Observer Corps Report

Agency: Auburn Board of Zoning Adjustment

Date: April 4, 2018 (1st Wednesday, 4:30pm)

Meeting Location: Auburn City Council Chambers, 141 N. Ross St.

Type of meeting: Regular

Staff present: Yes City Manager Others: Supernumerary (1)

Media coverage? Yes

of Audience Members: over 20

Facilities ALL OK (adequate space, well lit, handicapped accessible, clean, able to see and hear well)

FEATURE EVALUATED	YES	NO	COMMENTS
Did meeting start on time?	X		
Were all members present?		X	One (1) member absent
Were members attentive?	X		
Did the members appear to have done their "homework"?	X		
Were members courteous to each other and the public?	X		
Was the agenda online at least 24 hrs before?	X		
Did agenda items clearly describe what was to be discussed?	X		
Was there adequate opportunity for public input?	X		Chairman was very open to public comment, asking only that redundancy be kept to a minimum
Was there the appearance that some action items were discussed in closed rather than open session?		X	
Was background information available to public?	X		Agenda packet totaled 31 pages.

Were any issues on the agenda relevant to any LWV state or local positions or programs?

Two (2) items on Agenda. Of import was the proposed construction of 592 bed multi-family units in the NW Auburn primarily African-American community. Of the proposed units, the majority were dormitory type units. The Community strongly opposed the development. No traffic, environmental, or other appropriate studies accompanied the proposal. The neighborhood is rich in African-American history and all agencies of the City need to be sensitive to that history.

Do you recommend local League action on any of these issues? Yes

Monitor proposals for inclusion of traffic, environmental, and other studies to minimize adverse impacts on the Neighborhood. Next regularly scheduled BZA meeting is May 10th.

Other Concerns: N/A

Observer: BOU

Date Submitted: April 13, 2018

Report should be emailed to lwveastal@gmail.com along with the URL of the meeting's agenda and supporting documents. Thank you!